



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*"Strive, Believe, Achieve"*

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## Our school Values

Honesty ~ Excellence ~ Respect ~ Resilience ~ Perseverance

Our Moral Purpose - Students will be able to choose a life that has meaning.

**Warracknabeal Secondary College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Term 2 Week 6  
25<sup>th</sup> May,  
2017*

We are now over halfway through the term and it was a great way to celebrate it with many events during *Education Week*. Kicking off the week with a sneak peek of the production, *Game of Tiaras*, was amazing. I am so impressed at the bravery and skills of the students involved, and with three months of rehearsal to go I am very excited to see the final production. The PACE walk was completed with great resilience and perseverance by our Year 9 students, who were in great spirits when they returned close to 5pm on Monday. Yesterday the Year 7 food class made some delicious pizza with their family and friends, showing off their culinary skills. We have a few aspirant Master Chefs in the class. It was a great opportunity to touch base with a number of parents and guardians too which is always welcomed.

In response to the Department of Education and Training *Education State* initiative to break the link between disadvantage and under-achievement ([Breaking the Link](#)), the school has taken a number of steps to address this within our school community. Fundamentally, every student has the right to have a safe, supportive and productive learning environment. We recognise that not all students come to school with the same skills, values or mindsets and therefore approaches to individual students differ. Teachers follow a staged process to remove any student disrupting the learning of others so that a safe and productive learning environment can be established, always giving students clear warnings so they can choose to do the right thing. There are clear consequences for misbehaviour, including detentions (at lunch and afterschool), supervised recess/lunchtimes and suspensions. However, WSC takes seriously our commitment to ensure all students are able to '*Choose a life that has meaning*', and therefore students are supported through counselling, restorative meetings, integration aides and modified timetables. In Term Two we made a number of changes based on the feedback from the 'Bridges out of Poverty,' including an initiative to run a pro-social values class, delivered by Naomi Malcom, to focus on developing social and emotional skills for specific students to enable them to be successful in the school and broader community. Education has a crucial role to help ensure all students will become productive and fully engaged members of society and we rely on the support of the community to help achieve this goal. We understand that this kind of intervention will take time and we thank the community for their support and patience as we work to integrate all students into this outstanding community. If you would like to read more, our official policy documents can be found at <http://warracksc.vic.edu.au/policies.html> under 'Positive Learning Culture' and 'Student Engagement and Wellbeing.' If anyone would like to talk about this in more detail, please speak with a member of the School Council or contact the school to speak to me directly on 5398 1433.

**Michael Briggs-Miller**

Principal

## ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Heath Schulz

### Education Week.

Education week activities have been in full swing. The super kick was a hit (more details in the sport's report) and the sneak peek of the production was excellent. On a personal note, it was great to have the Year 7's and their special friends attend my Foods class on Wednesday. The pizzas were hot, well made and delicious!

### VCAL excursion

On Monday, a group of Year 10-12 VCAL students visited Hopetoun College to gain an insight into VCAL at their school. A big thank-you to Mrs Sanders who coordinated this experience. I know that there was a lot of ideas that will be used to further enhance the VCAL program at our school.



### Exams

VCE Exam information, including timetables, were handed out in Level assemblies on Monday. If your child did not receive their copy, can they please see Ms Wardle or myself as soon as possible.

### Study Hall Skills.

Over the last few weeks, in preparation for exams, students have been refining their study skills. Specifically, study skills that have been taught recently were, using reading time, breaking up exam questions and knowing the question (identify, explain). Students are encouraged to make full use of spares and study hall in preparing for exams. Some classroom teachers are also available during this time as well.

### VCAA exam timetable

The end of Year 12 VCAA exam timetable is now available at the following link

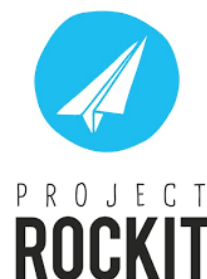
<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/timetable.aspx#timetable> . Students will be given a personal timetable in October.

### Heath Schulz

Acting Assistant Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – WHITNEY MUNROE

At school, we are working diligently to create a positive, welcoming, safe environment for all students. As part of this, we are educating students to recognise the strengths of each individual and to celebrate our diversity as a school. We are also partnering with outside organisations to work with our students about issues such as bullying and labelling. On the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, Project Rokit will be visiting the school to talk to our junior students about issues such as these. Project Rokit has been operating for over ten years and is committed to “empowering school students to stand up to hate instead of standing by watching.” The workshops will explore themes of “diversity, belonging, respectful relationships, and values and ethics, while building student voice, leadership and empathy.” If you would like more information about Project Rokit, please visit their website: <https://www.projectrokit.com.au/>.





On Tuesday, the students in the production performed a sneak peak of one of the scenes. They have been working incredibly hard to learn their lines and were very excited to perform to their first audience! The students did a great job and we cannot wait to see the final performance when the show premieres at the end of term 3.

Our students are involved in a variety of excellent activities and opportunities outside of the school environment. We want to recognise the great work of one of our Year 9 students, Will Drage. Will is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Warracknabeal Scout Group and he has been awarded the Australian Scout Medallion. In order to receive this recognition, Will needed to complete a leadership course and display skills such as determination, resilience, organisation and leadership. This is a massive achievement and Will is continuing in his Scouts journey and will be working toward his next achievement as a Venturer. Congrats Will!



#### **Whitney Munroe**

Assistant Principal of Middle School

#### **Absence Hotline - [5398 1433](tel:53981433) Or email**

**Charmaine – Mon, Tues and Fri - [wilson.charmaine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:wilson.charmaine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)**

**Chelsea – Wed and Thurs - [smith.chelsea.r@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:smith.chelsea.r@edumail.vic.gov.au)**

**Please notify the school by 12 noon on the day of the absence.**

#### **Left after Deb Ball Supper**

*1x Square White porcelain plate – Blue floral design*

*1x Rectangle white porcelain plate*

*1x Black cardigan*

Please collect from the Library.



### **Music Lessons at Warracknabeal Secondary College**

Mr Shane Worthy, who has a Bachelor of Education and Associate Certificate in Voice is happy to offer singing and piano lessons at Warracknabeal Secondary College. Mr Worthy has taught both piano and voice at many prestigious schools in Melbourne and Geelong and has performed in many shows and competitions with outstanding success. Any student who is interested in having piano and singing lessons are to contact Mr Briggs-Miller to register their interest.

On Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2017 we went to Hopetoun P12 College to see how they do their VCAL. We went up by bus. When we got there, we went into the main building to their cooking room and we helped them make some pizzas for our lunch. While we were getting to know them and talking to them about what they do in their program. The students from Hopetoun took us around the school to have a look at what they have done. They showed us how they rebuilt a glasshouse as part of the garden and also showed us their self-watering system on the veggie garden. They took us to have a look at their pizza oven that we cooked some of our pizzas in for lunch and they showed us their little shed and feed lot for the two cows they have there. One of the teachers, Mr Robbins said that they are going to build another feedlot for some lambs. They also showed us how they weigh their cows.



**By Corey Dovaston.**

This week we took a group of interested students to Hopetoun Secondary College to have a look at their VCAL program. Students gained some real insight into their program and came back with some great ideas to get going at W.S.C.

### Upcoming events

#### Charlton Driving School 5<sup>th</sup> of June

Driving school notes have been sent home. We can only take a maximum of twenty students, so if students want this opportunity to get some professional driving instruction forms and money need to be back quickly.



#### Headspace tour

We are looking to organise an excursion to the new Headspace facility in Horsham. Keep your eye out for excursion forms to come home for this.

#### Work experience

Forms have been handed out for Work Experience. VCAL students are expected to organise a week of work. Please see Nicole Stewart for more details.

#### Senior School exams

There are some students that will be involved with senior school exams at the end of the term.

**NORMAL classes will be run for VCAL during this period.**

#### Careers Expo

VCAL students will attend the careers expo on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June. Keep an eye out for permission forms to come home. Students not attending will have a normal day of school class.

#### Lisa Sanders

VCAL co-ordinator



## WELLBEING REPORT:

It has been all systems go here at WSC the last few weeks, and this week has been no exception. In case you didn't know, it is **Education Week** this week and as a wellbeing team we have been involved in many exciting things. I will start with what was an awesome day with the year 9's on the PACE walk. There is not much else that will give you the opportunity to get to know someone by driving them 20 kilometres out of town, then having to walk those 20 kms back with them. We saw some amazing attitudes throughout the day and I was once again overwhelmed with the incredible teamwork that our year 9's demonstrated.

Being Education Week, we wanted to do something that would really benefit the students. We set up a breakfast program that took place on Wednesday morning. It was a great space for our students to come and be warm by the heater and also get some breaky in their tummies, hang out and play board games before school.

It has been a fantastic few weeks and I look forward to letting you know what else we get up to next week.

### Greg McKinnon

WSC Student Wellbeing Worker.

## SUPERKICK COMPETITION

23.05.2017

Across Monday and Tuesday of Week Six, both staff and students gathered together on the WSC Hockey Oval to participate in the AFL Victoria Superkick Competition. This initiative was put together as part of the Department of Education's Education Week theme "Healthy Mind, Healthy Body", and it encourages both students and staff to stay active and take care of their health, both mentally and physically. We had 37 participants take part in the activity over the two days, with winners being crowned in each age group. Our champions were:

<b>YEAR 7/8 BOYS</b> 1. Daniel Penny (41.6m) 2. Jack Hadley (39.4m) Tom Wright (39.4m)	<b>YEAR 7/8 GIRLS</b> 1. Natascha Eckermann (35.8m) 2. Molly Fagan (33.1m) 3. Keeta Orszulak (25.7m)
<b>YEAR 9/10 BOYS</b> 1. Corey Dovaston (45.5m) 2. Charlie Dean (45.2m) 3. Lachlan Stewart (42.7m)	<b>YEAR 9/10 GIRLS</b> 1. Jayde Mills (20.8m)
<b>YEAR 11/12 BOYS</b> 1. Connor Inkster (60.8m)* 2. Zac Arnup (54.4m) 3. Christian Marquez (34.9m)	<b>YEAR 11/12 GIRLS</b> 1. Lucinda Taylor (29.5m)
<b>MALE STAFF</b> 1. Mr Friedlieb (49.2m) 2. Mr Richardson (48.5m) 3. Mr Winsall (46.5m)	<b>FEMALE STAFF</b>  - No participants this year ☹️

Thank you to all participants for having a go in this competition, also to the helpers for assisting in measuring kicks and kicking the footy back. Look forward to this event being bigger and better next year.

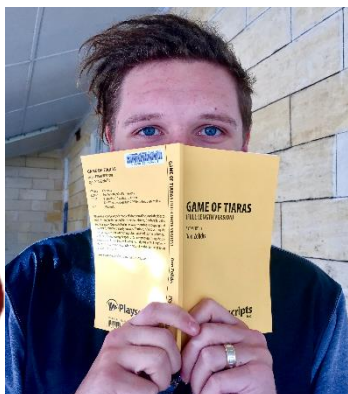
### Will Richardson

Sports Assistant

# Game of Tiaras News

The production team and cast would like to welcome

Well-being Worker Greg McKinnon to the cast of Game of Tiaras!



Greg will be taking on the role of Smeagol, the Kings right hand man! Smeagol is a comical character that supports the King in all of his decisions, even when he doesn't agree with him!

## WELCOME GREG!

Due to unforeseen circumstances the production team has made the decision to change the date of the production to the **21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of September**. This will coincide with the conclusion of Term 3.

On Monday this week (22<sup>nd</sup> of May), the cast performed a “sneak peek” of the production.

The cast performed to friends, family & teachers who came along to support the students acting.

The performers did a fantastic job! Thank you to all who came.

We are still searching for a volunteer to make costumes for our princess cast members.

I have sourced patterns for Cinderella, Snow White and Elsa. If you could help, it would be greatly appreciated.

You can make contact by either calling the school (5398 1433) or emailing Natalie Gordon ([gordon.natalie.n@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:gordon.natalie.n@edumail.vic.gov.au))

**We appreciate the community's continued support!**

**Natalie Gordon**

*Game of Tiaras Director.*



**English Support** is available every Tuesday in Room 11 at lunch times with **Cindy Zhou**

**Maths Support** every Tuesday & Thursday with **John Bish**  
All Welcome

[Like us on Facebook.](#)



We are up to 836 LIKES on the Warracknabeal Secondary College Facebook page. If you haven't already “liked” our page make, sure you do so you can get updates on what's happening around the school.

# Careers Report



**Tuesday June 27th**

**Wimmera Events Centre**

**Longerenong**

**9:30am – 2:00pm**

***The annual Wimmera Careers Expo is coming up in the last week of Term 2.***

**The Expo format has many elements, including:**

- Career and Course Exhibitor displays
- Manufacturer and Trade interactive activities – ‘Try a Trade’
- Comprehensive Seminar program, including Apprenticeship/Traineeship Information Sessions
- Tertiary Information Session and Exhibits – T.I.S.

**Aims of the Expo:**

- To provide regional students and jobseekers with a broad range of vocational and course information, as well as career pathways advice in a ‘one-stop shop’ event in their local area
- To make available a broad spectrum of careers/jobs role models, especially for those in isolated and remote communities of Western Victoria
- To offer current advice regarding qualifications, training and prerequisites, business prospects and vocational opportunities to students, careers-changers, jobseekers & parents
- To encourage students to consider broader pathway options
- To encourage school retention to Year 12 or equivalent
- To assist parents of students with understanding career and course pathways
- To have a coordinated careers event in Western Victoria and bring presenters together under a Wimmera-Southern Mallee Careers ‘banner’

All Year 9, 10 & 12 students will be transported to Longerenong College for the Expo (Year 11 students will be on Work Experience). Students have access to over 40 half-hour seminars on offer this year, from “Careers in the Racing Industry” to “Volunteering Overseas”; there will be a seminar that suits everybody. Seminar programs, pre-expo worksheets and permission forms will be handed out over the next few weeks. Please look up <http://wimmeracareerexpo.com/> to explore the website and be prepared for a great day. All WSC students will be leaving school at approximately 9am and returning by period 5. Year 12 VCE students will be attending the Tertiary Information Session held at 11:45am. There is also a parents Tertiary Information Session at 1pm for any interested parents. Our extra special guest this year is AFLW Collingwood star Moana Hope who will be speaking at 10:30am and again at 12:30pm. See flyer in newsletter regarding Breakfast.



**Recruitment & Management Services**

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Electrical Apprenticeship**

Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) in partnership with MEGT are now looking to recruit an Apprentice Signal Maintainer for their Ararat and Dimboola operations. As a 1<sup>st</sup> Year Apprentice you will be responsible for providing professional services for the valued customers of ARTC, ensuring you set high standards for yourself, as you begin your journey toward a long and successful career as a Signal Maintainer.

**Requirements:**

- Have completed Year 12 and completed a Certificate II in Electrotechnology

- Strong mathematical and literacy skills
- Fantastic communication skills and a strong desire learn, and to commit to both learning on the job, as well as a strong commitment to all off the job learning responsibilities, which will include attendance at Trade School
- Excellent work ethic
- Physically fit and prepared to undergo a rigorous Pre-Employment medical, specific to the Rail Industry
- Ability to work within a small, tight knit team
- Have a valid White Card and have completed a First Aid qualification
- All candidates MUST be prepared to undertake extensive medical tests including drug & alcohol testing.

If interested, please submit your resume to: [rene.lewis@megt.com.au](mailto:rene.lewis@megt.com.au)

### **Federation University – increase of ATAR for Education courses in 2018/19**

Fed Uni has advised that any Education Course chosen at Fed Uni in 2018 will have an increased ATAR component of 65 in 2018 and 70 in 2019. Pathway course is the Bachelor of Education studies, which is an open access course for our school and requires no ATAR but does require a Unit 3/4 Maths and a study score of at least 20 in English. If you need further information please call in and see Mrs Stewart.

### **Deakin University Visit next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

A reminder to students to return permission slips for the excursion next Friday and let me know if any parents would like to come.

### **Work Experience**

All Year 10 & 11 students have been given arrangement forms for the upcoming work experience weeks (Year 10 – 19<sup>th</sup> June, Year 11 - 26<sup>th</sup> June). Please support your children in helping to arrange a week of work experience.

Please see Mrs Stewart if you have any questions.

### **Nicole Stewart**

Careers/VET Co-ordinator

Structured Workplace Learning

## **SRC FUNDRAISER – TUES 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**





## **FedUni TAFE Creative and Environmental Careers Camp**

**FedUni TAFE on-campus overnight camp for year 10,11 and 12 students**

**4 and 5 July 2017– 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and Wednesday of the holidays**

TAFE has lots of options for students who are not planning on going to Uni, and do not want a trade/apprenticeship/traineeship.

Our camp will offer a taster in 6 areas of study:

- Graphic Design
- Screen and Media (Digital)
- Building Design
- Live Production
- Writing and Editing
- Conservation and Land Management

Students choose one of these areas, and spend 2 days on campus having a 'taster' of the program, while staying overnight in student accommodation.

Bookings will be essential – contact:

Rae Godfrey: [r.godfrey@federation.edu.au](mailto:r.godfrey@federation.edu.au) or ph 5327 9175

Kara Hodgson: [k.hodgson@federation.edu.au](mailto:k.hodgson@federation.edu.au) or ph 5327 9169

Full details, including accommodation costs and description of activities will be on our website soon at [federation.edu.au/tafecamp](http://federation.edu.au/tafecamp)



# Focus on Melbourne

16 May - 21 June 2017



## Focus on Melbourne

Our Focus on Melbourne information session evenings give you the opportunity to explore your study options and choose your pathway to success.

- Explore majors, breadth options, electives, internships and research opportunities in your chosen faculty
- Map out your pathway to graduate study and career possibilities
- Work out how to see the world while studying overseas
- Enrich your degree with a Concurrent Diploma in an area you're passionate about
- Hear from current students and staff, and get a glimpse of uni life first hand
- Confirm prerequisite subjects and entry requirements, including for our Special Entry and Access Schemes

**Register now online to get all your questions answered and make an informed choice.**

### Course Information Sessions 2017

Focus on Biomedicine, Tuesday 16 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Focus on Arts, Tuesday 6 June, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Focus on Agriculture, Wednesday 17 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Focus on Design, Wednesday 7 June, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Focus on Veterinary Science, Thurs 18 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Focus on Law, Thursday 8 June, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Focus on Engineering, Tuesday 23 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Focus on Music, Tuesday 13 June, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Focus on IT, Wednesday 24 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Focus on Fine Arts, Tuesday 20 June, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Focus on Science, Tuesday 30 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Focus on Education, Wednesday 21 June, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Focus on Commerce, Wednesday 31 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm	





# Tennis Victoria Future Leaders Program

Make a difference at your club

If tennis is your game and you want to be part of it, on and off the court, make sure you register your interest for the 2017 Future Leaders Program.

## Why?

- Make a positive change at your tennis club/centre
- Build leadership skills, confidence and self esteem
- Develop contacts in the tennis industry and make new friends
- Gain transferable skills that can be used in all aspects of life
- Receive guidance, support and resources from passionate Tennis Victoria staff

**Where:** PGL Campaspe Downs  
1302 Trentham Road, Kyneton VIC 3444  
(Transport to and from AAMI Park)

**When:** 4-6 July, 2017

**Who can apply:** All applicants must be a Year 10 or 11 student and linked to an affiliated club/centre or association.

**Register now or for more information:**  
Entries close: Friday June 9

Visit: [tennis.com.au/vic/players/programs/future-leaders](http://tennis.com.au/vic/players/programs/future-leaders)

Contact: Tennis Victoria on  
8420 8420, or  
[futureleaders@tennis.com.au](mailto:futureleaders@tennis.com.au)

**\$149**

*"I really enjoyed my 40 hour project and took so much away from the Future Leaders Program. My Club funded my participation in the camp and program; and I now aim to establish a junior committee at my Tennis Club to organise more programs and events."*  
**Brigitte Jennings, Future Leaders Program Graduate.**



# DISCOVER THE WORLD OF ENGINEERING AND IT



Are you in Year 10?

DO YOU LOVE SOLVING PROBLEMS,  
AND ENJOY MATHS AND SCIENCE?

If this sounds like you, join us for a free **GIRLS ONLY** event for Year 10 girls and **discover the world of Engineering and IT**.

You will:

- **Participate** in exciting, practical workshops focussed on Engineering and IT
- **Discover** the opportunities and possibilities available at Monash Engineering and IT by visiting our Expo showcasing amazing research projects from Monash researchers
- **Talk** to current female Engineering and IT students and lecturers
- **Hear** from Engineering and IT professionals and alumni about what a career in Engineering and IT holds for you
- **Meet** like-minded students from other schools.

Register now: [monash.edu/discover-eng-it](http://monash.edu/discover-eng-it)

## EVENT DETAILS

### WHO

Year 10 female students

### WHEN

Thursday 6 July 2017

### TIME

9.45am – 3.30pm

### WHERE

Clayton campus  
Monash University

### COST

Free entry  
Morning tea and lunch  
will be provided



# Calendar of Events



<b>May</b>	26 <sup>th</sup>	Boys (Ararat)/Girls (Horsham) Basketball
	31 <sup>st</sup>	Black Ranges Yr7/8 Football/Netball (Horsham)
<b>June</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Deakin Uni visit (Geelong)
	5-9 <sup>th</sup>	Yr. 10-11 Exams
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Charlton Drive School VCAL
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Birthday (No school)
	13 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Yr. 12 Exams
	14 <sup>th</sup>	GAT
	19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Yr. 10 Melbourne Trip
	19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Yr. 10 Work Experience
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Careers Expo Yr 9-12
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Last day Term 2

## **Community Events**

**Students and Parents are invited to**

*St Mary's ResourceSmart 5-star*



## **celebration**

Come along to witness St Mary's receive their 5<sup>th</sup> Resource Smart Star!

What an achievement!!

Where: **Front of St Mary's School**

When: **This Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Time: 10:00am for morning tea

**\*\* Stay for presentation and lunch \*\***

**\*\* If you have a wrist band please wear it!!!**

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Leadership  
Wimmera

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# Breakfast with *Moana Hope*

*Q & A Interactive Session*



A powerhouse of Womens Football since the age of 16 when she first pulled on the jumper for Victoria in a Senior Representative game, which culminated in All Australian selection, there is so much that Moana has achieved in her football career to date. With footy in her blood, a passion she shared with her late father, Gary, Moana has always loved playing AFL. With Womens Football participation at an all time high and after the announcement of the new AFL Womens League, Moana is set to take Womens Football by storm and take her goal kicking prowess from local grounds to the big stage for the biggest sporting club in Australia, Collingwood.

**Tuesday 27 June 2017**

**7.30 - 8.30 am**

**Federation University**

**Auditorium**

**Baillie Street - Horsham**

**Cost: \$10 Adult or**

**\$5 Student**

**Includes light breakfast**

*Book your place TODAY*

5381 6507 or [sboddi@wda.org.au](mailto:sboddi@wda.org.au)

*RSVP - Monday 26 June*

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